

IN THE CLAIMS

We claim:

Claim 1 (currently amended) An infant formula in tablet form comprising:

- a) a source of protein, present in the amount of 10 to 20 w/w %;
- b) a source of carbohydrate, present in the amount of 40 to 70 w/w%; and
- c) a source of fat present in the amount of at least 20 w/w%; and;

~~the tablet dissolves within 60 seconds when tested according to the manual protocol defined on page 3 of this application at line 28.~~

wherein the infant formula is a tablet formed under a pressure selected from within a range of from about 400 psi to about 1500 psi, and wherein the pressure is selected so that a film of fat does not form on the exterior tablet surface, and wherein the resulting infant formula tablet dissolves within 60 seconds in accordance with a manual dissolution test.

Claim 2 (original). The formula according to claim 1 in which said fat is present in the quantity of at least 25 w/w%.

Claim 3 (original) The formula according to claim 1 in which said protein is present in the quantity of 11 to 16 w/w%

Claim 4 (original) The formula according to claim 1 in which said carbohydrate is present in the quantity of about 50 to 60 w/w%.

Claim 5 (original) The formula according to claim 1 in which said protein is selected from the group consisting of intact protein, hydrolyzed protein and amino acids.

Claim 6 (original) The formula according to claim 1 wherein the protein comprises intact protein selected from the group consisting of soy based protein, milk based protein, casein protein, whey protein, rice protein, and pea protein.

Claim 7 (original) The formula according to claim 1 wherein the protein comprises hydrolyzed protein selected from the group consisting of soy protein hydrolysate, casein protein hydrolysate, whey protein hydrolysate, and rice protein hydrolysate,

Claim 8 (original) The formula according to claim 1 wherein the protein comprises free amino acids selected from the group consisting of L-tryptophan, L-tyrosine, L-cystine, L-taurine, L-methionine, L-arginine, and L-carnitine.

Claim 9 (original) The formula according to claim 1 wherein the carbohydrate is selected from the group consisting of hydrolyzed, intact, natural and chemically modified starches sourced from corn, tapioca, rice or potato in waxy or non waxy forms; sugars such as glucose, fructose, lactose, sucrose, maltose, high fructose corn syrup; and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (original) The formula according to claim 1 wherein the fat is selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, soy oil, corn oil, olive oil, safflower oil, high oleic safflower oil, medium chain triglyceride oil, sunflower oil, high oleic sunflower oil, palm oil, palm olein, canola oil, arachidonic acid and docosahexaneic acid.

Claim 11 (original) A method for providing nutrition to an infant comprising dissolving the tablet of claim 1 and feeding the resulting formula to an infant in need thereof.

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended) An infant formula in tablet form comprising, based on a 100 kcal basis:

- a) about 8 to about 16 grams of a source of carbohydrate,
- b) about 3 to about 6 grams of a source of fat, and
- c) about 1.8 to about 3.3 grams of a source of protein, and;

~~the tablet dissolves within 60 seconds when tested according to the mechanical protocol defined on page 4 of this application at line 16.~~

wherein the infant formula is a tablet formed under a pressure selected from within a range of from about 400 psi to about 1500 psi, and wherein the pressure is selected so that a film of fat does not form on the exterior tablet surface, and wherein the resulting infant formula tablet dissolves within 60 seconds in accordance with a mechanical dissolution test.

Claim 15 (cancelled)